

IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: James R. Skarda  
 For: Irrigated Focal Ablation Tip  
 Serial No.: 10/657,377  
 Filed: September 8, 2003



**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:** I hereby certify that this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this day of SP August, 2004.

Signature  
Sue McCoy  
 Printed Name

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO FORM 1449
- Copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> pages of the cited references
- Return Postcard

**FEE CALCULATION**

- \$ 00.00 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) (before mailing of first Office Action)
- \$ 00.00 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) with Certification (cited in foreign application not more than 3 months earlier)
- \$ 00.00 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e) with Certification
- \$180.00 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) without Certification
- \$180.00 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d) with Certification
- Applicant hereby petitions for a      months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.
- Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

Date

August 5, 2004

E. Belden  
 Elisabeth L. Belden  
 Reg. No. 50,751  
 Telephone: (763) 514-4083  
 Customer No. 27581



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

Applicant(s): James R. Skarda ) Art Unit: 3763  
Serial No.: 10/657,377 )  
Filed: September 8, 2003 ) Examiner:  
For: Irrigated Focal Ablation Tip ) Docket: P-11333.00  
Conf No: 1936

---

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 et. seq., the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

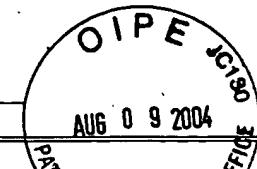
Date: August 5, 2004

By: E. Belden

Elisabeth L. Belden  
Reg. No. 50,751  
Telephone: (763) 514-4083  
Customer No. 27581

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 1



|                                                                                       |  |                                                            |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FORM PTO-1449<br>(Rev. 2-32)                                                          |  | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTY. DOCKET NO.:<br>P-11333.00 | SERIAL NO.:<br>10/657,377 |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br>BY APPLICANT<br>(Use several sheets if necessary) |  | APPLICANT: James R. Skarda                                 |                                 |                           |
|                                                                                       |  | FILING DATE:<br>September 8, 2003                          |                                 | GROUP:<br>3763            |

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER INITIAL |    | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE ISSUED | INVENTOR NAME        | U.S. CLASS | U.S. SUB-CLASS | FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE |
|------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                  | AA | 6,537,248 B2    | 03/25/03    | Mulier et al.        | 604        | 114            |                            |
|                  | AB | 6,488,680 B1    | 12/03/02    | Francischelli et al. | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AC | 6,332,881 B1    | 12/25/01    | Carner et al.        | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AD | 6,280,441 B1    | 08/28/01    | Ryan                 | 606        | 45             |                            |
|                  | AE | 6,016,809 A     | 01/25/00    | Mulier et al.        | 128        | 898            |                            |
|                  | AF | 5,913,854       | 06/22/99    | Maguire et al.       | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AG | 5,643,197       | 07/01/97    | Brucker et al.       | 604        | 20             |                            |
|                  | AH | 5,545,161       | 08/13/96    | Imran                | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AI | 5,462,521       | 10/31/95    | Brucker et al.       | 604        | 20             |                            |
|                  | AJ | 5,423,811       | 06/13/95    | Imran et al.         | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AK | 5,348,554       | 09/20/94    | Imran et al.         | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  | AL | 5,334,193       | 08/02/94    | Nardella             | 606        | 41             |                            |
|                  |    |                 |             |                      |            |                |                            |

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

|  |    | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE PUBLIC-ATION | COUNTRY | INT. CLASS | INT. SUB-CLASS | TRANSLATION |
|--|----|-----------------|-------------------|---------|------------|----------------|-------------|
|  |    |                 |                   |         |            |                | YES      NO |
|  | AM | WO 96/39966     | 19.12.96          | WO      | A61B       | 17/36          |             |

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.